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October 15, 1980

Mr. Stan Caldwell
South Hecla Mining Company
3539 South Main Street
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

New file

RE: South Hecla Mine
Salt Lake County, Utah
ACT/035/006

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Pursuant to our phone conversation of October 5, I have enclosed a copy of the regulations to which your mine is subject. The Mined Land Reclamation Act and the General Rules and Regulations and Rules of Practice and Procedure are contained in the enclosed "green book." In accordance with the definition under 40-8-4, UCA, paragraph 15, page 50, the definition of a mining operation does not include:

"any operations which would otherwise be included under mining operations but as to which less than 500 tons of material are mined in a period of twelve consecutive months or where less than two acres of land are excavated or used as a disposal site in a period of twelve consecutive months."

It is the Division's understanding that your production of ore approached this value since January this year and that additional waste material is produced and crushed.

The Division of Oil, Gas & Mining files of proposed or active operations contain no record of United Minerals International, however, the Act was not effective until May 14, 1975, and mining operations which were active on the effective date of the Act did not need to submit a notice of intention until July 1, 1977.

In accordance with 40-8-13, a mine operator is required to prepare and file the information required in Rule M-3 including:

- 1) A notice of intention to commence mining operations (MR Form 1).

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- 2) A plan for the reclamation of land affected (MR Form 2).
- 3) A statement giving general details of the method of mining.

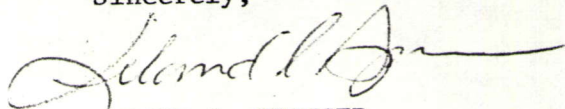
Please review the reclamation standards of Rule M-10 for preparation of the reclamation plan.

After submittal of these plans, the Division shall review the plans and forward a copy to other state agencies within 30 days. Submittal of additional information may be required as a result of review. After the Division's approval, the Division will present the plans at a meeting of the Board of Oil, Gas & Mining. Upon tentative approval of the Board, the action by the Board will be published in abbreviated form in the Deseret News and Salt Lake Tribune.

A copy of the notice will be sent to the county zoning authority and the surface owners of land affected (Forest Service). If no written objections are received within 30 days of the publication, and after the operator has provided a surety guarantee in accordance with Rule M-5, final approval may be granted.

I hope the enclosed information will be helpful and if you have any questions, feel free to call if I might be of assistance. Please address correspondence to James W. Smith, Jr., Coordinator of Mined Land Development.

Sincerely,



LELAND C. SPENCER
RECLAMATION ENGINEER

cc: James W. Smith, Jr.

Enclosures

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